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SUBJECT: ROKG RESPONSE TO SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE LETTER

REF: STATE 161792

1. FOLLOWING FYI IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM FOREIGN
MINISTER PARK TONG-JIN WHICH ROKG EMBASSY INFORMS US IS
BEING DELIVERED TO SENATOR STEVENSON TODAY, JULY 7, IN
RESPONSE TO LATEST SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE LETTER TO
PRESIDENT PARK (REFTEL) REGARDING INFORMATION DESIRED
FROM FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG-JO.

2. BEGIN TEXT: JULY 7, 1978

DEAR SENATOR STEVENSON:

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YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 23 TO PRESIDENT PARK SIGNED BY
YOU AND YOUR VICE CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN REFERRED TO ME FOR
REPLY. THAT LETTER IN TURN RESPONDED TO MY LETTER OF
JUNE 15.

MY EARLIER LETTER WAS NOT BASED ON A MISUNDER-
STANDING, AS YOU SUGGEST. IF THERE IS A SHADE OF

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INTERROGATION AND A FACE-TO-FACE
INTERVIEW AT WHICH, PRESUMABLY, QUESTIONS WOULD BE
ASKED AND ANSWERED, IT DOES NOT AFFECT OUR VIEW THAT SUCH
AN INTERVIEW WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE IMMUNITY
GUARANTEES OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION.

I MAY ADD THAT THE ACCESSION TO YOUR REQUEST FOR
SUCH AN INTERVIEW HAS BEEN MADE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE AS A
RESULT OF THE UNUSUAL STEP TAKEN RECENTLY BY THE UNITED
STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN DEALING WITH THE
PL-480 BILL FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

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